## Policy Committee Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Committee members: Levi Shegog (chair), Steve Wootton, Jim Whitehair Ex-Officio: Jennifer Lyle, Lynn Marlatt

## **AGENDA**

Discussion only. No related legislation or documentation.

Lack of dinner restaurants in New Concord is a quality of life and economic issue. If someone wishes to open a restaurant serving liquor in New Concord, they must place an initiative on the ballot in a local election and have it passed before they can even apply for a permit. This is because New Concord voters have never been asked to allow D1 and/or D2 permits, which allow restaurants and night clubs to sell beer (D1) and/or wine and mixed beverages (D2) for on premises consumption until 1:00 AM. (This information comes from the Ohio Dept of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control.) It's possible such a ballot initiative presents an unsurmountable barrier for restaurants, particularly smaller, non-chain enterprises. Mayor Lyle proposes that in this meeting we begin discussion of and research on the feasibility of the Village creating a ballot initiative for the May 3, 2022 primary election.